

AGENDA

Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting* Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chamber 201 E. Walnut

Call to Order

ITEM 1: Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of the Planning and

Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes on March 6, 2018.

Public Hearing Items:

ITEM 2: ZC

ZC2018-01 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Zoning Change Application 2018-01—Mr. Mark Southard's request to amend the zoning map from a Single Family-2 (SF-2) Zoning District to a Two Family (2F) Zoning District on Lot 1R-1, Block 79, South Decatur Addition, a 0.258 acre-tract of land and is more commonly referred to as 1301 S. State Street, Decatur, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is included in the staff report.

Non Public Hearing Items:

ITEM 3:

PP2017-12 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2017-12—Mr. Jake Long's request, on behalf of J&S Wood Investments, to preliminary plat Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, West Decatur Hill Subdivision, being a 28.41-acre tract of land in the G.M. Vigil Survey, Abstract Number 857, City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is included in the staff report.

ITEM 4:

PP2018-01 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2018-01—Mr. Kelly Garrett's request, on behalf of JRJ Wood LP, to preliminary plat Lot 1, Block 1, Legacy Trails of Decatur, being 7.51 acres in the Samuel Isaacs Survey, Abstract Number 454 and being a portion of that called 60.075-acre tract of land described in the deed to JRJ Wood, L.P., Wise County, Decatur, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is included in the staff report.

ITEM 5:

FP2018-01 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Final Plat Application 2018-01—Mr. Kelly Garrett's request, on behalf of JRJ Wood LP, to preliminary plat Lot 1, Block 1, Legacy Trails of Decatur, being 7.51 acres in the Samuel Isaacs Survey, Abstract Number 454 and being a portion of that called 60.075-acre tract of land described in the deed to JRJ Wood, L.P., Wise County, Decatur, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is included in the staff report.

ITEM 6:

V2018-03 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Variance Application 2018-03—Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wolfe's request for a variance from Chapter 1, Section 106, Sidewalks of the City of Decatur's Design Standards on approximately 130.31 linear feet along Shady Lane, where adjacent to the west boundary of Lot 22, Woodland Estates, and more commonly known as 1400 Shady Lane, City of Decatur, Texas.

ITEM 7: New and/or future business items:

- a. May meeting currently has eight (8) applications:
 - i. SI2018-01 Zoning Amendments to C-1A Zoning District
 - ii. SI2018-02 Zoning Amendments related to Food Establishment Rules
 - iii. FP2018-02 West Decatur Hills Subdivision
 - iv. RP2018-03 Lots 1-4, Block 186R, James Tarleton Addition
 - v. RP2018-04 Lot 3R, Block 16, Range C, Devereux Addition (Commercial Replat)
 - vi. RP2018-05 Lot 3A, Block 76 South Decatur Addition
 - vii. V2018-04 Sidewalk Variance, 1303 S. Hatcher
 - viii. V2018-05 Curb & Gutter Variance, 1303 S. Hatcher

Adjournment

Prepared and posted this the 30th day of March, 2018, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Dedra Denée Ragland, AICP Planning and Development Director

MINUTES

A regular called meeting of the City of Decatur Planning and Zoning Commission was held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in City Hall Meeting Room with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Curtis Creswell Terry Berube John Lanier Eddie Allen

William D. Edwards, Chairman Cecil LeMond, Vice-Chairman

Eileen Standridge

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning and Development Director Dedra Ragland, Legal Counsel Patricia Adams, City Engineer Earl Smith, Building Official Wayne Smith and Development Review Coordinator Shanna Smith, representing the staff; Loyd Jackson and Thom Lambert, representing the applicants; and William Gregg, Decatur citizen.

> In the absence of Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond, Commissioner Berube made a motion for Commissioner Creswell to serve as acting Chairman. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, Chairman Edwards, Vice-Chairman LeMond and Commissioner Allen absent.

Commissioner Creswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes on February 6, 2018

> Commissioner Berube made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2018. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, Chairman Edwards, Vice-Chairman LeMond and Commissioner Allen absent.

ITEM 2: Consider changing the meeting times from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

> Commissioner Berube made a motion to change the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, Chairman Edwards, Vice-Chairman LeMond and Commissioner Allen absent.

Public Hearing Items:

ITEM 3: RP2018-02 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Replat Application 2018-02—Mr. Loyd Jackson's request, on behalf of South Martin Branch Development, L.P., to final plat Lots 3R-8R, Block C, South Martin Branch, Phase 3, being approximately 16.11 acres and a replat of Lots 3-8, Block C, South Martin Branch, Phase 3 of the South Martin Branch Planned Development, to the City of Decatur, Wise County Texas. A complete legal description is found on the plat exhibit which is located at 1601 S. State St, Bldg. C, Decatur, Texas 76234.

Planning Director Ragland presented the staff report. The engineer for the project spoke to City Engineer Earl Smith concerning six (6) of the lots being located near a flood plain. The dimensions of the lots have been changed to accommodate the flood plain issue. Twenty-two (22) property owners were notified with one response received in opposition to the request. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Standridge asked if the change left significant green space. City Engineer Earl Smith answered, no, the adjustments were minor. He went on to explain that The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) does not want building lines touching a flood plain. Commissioner Creswell asked if the lots can be developed. City Engineer Earl Smith answered, yes, the builder will be required to provide elevations.

William Gregg, 103 Brookview Dr., Decatur Texas, addressed the Commission with several concerns and grievances with the South Martin Branch (SMB) development. Mr. Gregg prepared a letter in which he read in its entirety before allowing staff to respond. Mr. Gregg's grievances ranged from issues with traffic in the Brookhollow neighborhood to settling ground on his property where sewer and water lines have been connected in order to service the residents of SMB to issues with a gas well in the subdivision. Mr. Gregg stated the City has catered to the developer of SMB at the expense of the Brookhollow residents. Mr. Gregg has witnessed trucks cutting through Brookhollow to access SMB. He is outraged by the fact SMB was annexed into the City limits in 2007. Mr. Gregg stated there was a petition against the annexation that the City failed to recognize. He raised his concerns with a gas well that is located in SMB. Staff attempted to answer some of Mr. Gregg's concerns but each response received a negative reply from Mr. Gregg. Planning Director Ragland stated the streets are public rights-of-way and accessible by anyone. She responded to Mr. Gregg's comment about the petition against the annexation by stating she is not aware of a petition but will check the case files for such a document. She also noted the annexation was voluntary. Planning Director Ragland cited the Subdivision Ordinance required connectivity of subdivisions. Commissioner Standridge added the homes on the outer edge of Brookhollow purposely had area around them for future growth. Planning Director Ragland added to Commissioner Standridge's comment by adding the streets were stubbed for future construction. Commissioner Berube served on the P&Z when SMB was annexed. She did not recall a signed petition against the annexation but did recall a few citizens who spoke in opposition to the request. City Engineer Earl Smith further addressed Mr. Gregg's grievances with SMB. He made it clear to Mr. Gregg the City did not fund any of the public improvements in the SMB subdivision including, but not limited to, the streets, curbing, sidewalks or water and sewer infrastructure. Mr. Gregg quickly responded with whether or not the City paid for the gas pipeline. City Engineer Earl Smith answered, no. He went on to encourage Mr. Gregg to contact Greg Hall with Public Works in order to work through his issues with his yard settling. Mr. Gregg stated he has called the City with no results. Again, City Engineer Earl Smith urged Mr. Gregg to contact the City and the City will ensure the repairs are completed for the settling issues if issues are in fact on the City's side. He also stated the contractors were made aware during a pre-application meeting to not use the Brookhollow streets to access SMB. If this is in fact happening, Mr. Gregg needs to contact the City in order for it to be addressed. Planning Director Ragland addressed Mr. Gregg's concerns with a gas well located in the SMB subdivision. She stated the gas well is existing and the Subdivision Ordinance addresses setbacks for gas wells that are being drilled in existing neighborhoods. Mr. Gregg asked if gas wells can be drilled inside the City limits. Planning Director Ragland answered, yes. Mr. Gregg admitted he will make it hard on the City as he is very angry with the development at SMB. Mr. Loyd Jackson, SMB representative, added that a storm siren has been installed at the owner's expense to the SMB and Brookhollow area. Mr. Gregg's response was, yes it was not important enough for Brookhollow but the City accommodated SMB.

Commissioner Allen arrived at 6:20 immediately following the discussion for RP2018-02. Commissioner Allen abstained from voting since he was not present during the discussion.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion to recommend approval of Replat Application 2018-02. Commissioner Standridge seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Allen abstained, Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond absent.

Non Public Hearing Items:

ITEM 4: V2018-01 Commission to hear and consider and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Variance Application 2018-01—Mrs. Diana Haydon's request for a variance

from Chapter 1, Section 106, Sidewalks of the City of Decatur's Design Standards on approximately 70.80 linear feet along N. Church St., where adjacent to the west boundary of Lot 5, Block 6, Terrell Addition, and more commonly known as 902 N. Church St., City of Decatur, Texas.

Planning Director Ragland presented the staff report. She explained to the Commission that Ms. Haydon's contractor was observed working without a permit. The contractor was performing structural work inside the home which requires a permit. Ms. Haydon's property is platted and curbed but does not have sidewalks. The survey provided by Ms. Haydon reflects encroachments on the property. Ms. Haydon will be seeking a variance for the encroachments from The (Zoning) Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in April. Planning Director Ragland explained the sidewalk variance and encroachment variance need to be addressed before Ms. Haydon can apply for a building permit to finish the work in her home.

Commissioner Berube asked if there were sidewalks in the applicant's neighborhood. Commissioner Creswell has driven by the home and did not observe many sidewalks in the area. The sidewalks that are existing are in disrepair. He asked if the contractor was unaware a permit is required. Planning Director Ragland answered the contractor informed Ms. Haydon she did not need a permit for the work being performed. Building Official Wayne Smith fully believes Ms. Haydon was not aware a permit is required and she is working to correct the issues. Commissioner Allen reiterated sidewalks are not present in this neighborhood.

> Commissioner Allen made a motion to recommend approval of Variance 2018-01. Commissioner Berube seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond absent.

ITEM 5: PP2017-09 Commission to hear and consider and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2017-09—Mr. Thom Lambert's request, on behalf of the Corporation for Economic Development of the City of Decatur, to preliminary plat Lots 1-3, Block 1, Eagles Landing Business Park Addition, being a 162.1419-acre tract of land in the S. Brandenburg Survey, Abstract No. 49, the F. Diaz Survey, Abstract No. 254, and the Smith & Merrimam Survey, Abstract No. 785, City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is located on the plat exhibit found in the staff report.

Planning Director Ragland presented the staff report. The property has issues with gas wells and pipelines. City Attorney Mason Woodruff, EDC Attorney Jeff Moore and Land Use Attorney Patricia Adams recommended identifying mineral drilling easements for the gas wells to move forward with the platting. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Creswell asked if more wells can be drilled on the property. Planning Director Ragland answered, yes. Commissioner Lanier asked applicant Thom Lambert who the intended users will be for the property. Thom Lambert responded the users are not known at this time and the property will be replatted as lots are sold.

> Commissioner Lanier made a motion to recommend approval of Preliminary Plat 2017-09. Commissioner Standridge seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond absent.

PP2017-12 Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council **ITEM 6:** regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2017-12—Mr. Jake Long's request, on behalf of J&S Wood Investments, to preliminary plat Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, West Decatur Hill Subdivision, being a 28.41-acre tract of land in the G.M. Vigil Survey, Abstract Number 857, City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is included in the staff report.

Planning Director Ragland stated the applicant requested the item be tabled until the April P&Z meeting. The applicant has obtained letters from the gas well operators and the plat exhibit needs to be updated to reflect the gas wells.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to table Preliminary Plat 2017-12. Commissioner Berube seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond absent.

FP2017-11 Commission to hear and consider and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Final Plat Application 2017-11—Mr. Thom Lambert's request, on behalf of the Corporation for Economic Development of the City of Decatur, to final plat Lots 1-3, Block 1, Eagles Landing Business Park Addition, being a 162.1419-acre tract of land in the S. Brandenburg Survey, Abstract No. 49, the F. Diaz Survey, Abstract No. 254, and the Smith & Merrimam Survey, Abstract No. 785, City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. A complete legal description of the property is located on the plat exhibit found in the staff report.

Planning Director Ragland presented the staff report. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Standridge made a motion to recommend approval of Final Plat 2017-11. Commissioner Berube seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, Chairman Edwards and Vice-Chairman LeMond absent.

ITEM 8: Provide direction on whether or not joint public input workshops on proposed land use amendments to the Downtown Land Use District and the proposed Hale Street Corridor Mixed-Use Land Use District should be held in April: April 16, 2018, AND April 30, 2018.

Planning Director Ragland reminded the Commission the Land Use Amendments were brought to their attention in November 2017. Staff has conducted two (2) public input meetings for the proposed Hale Street Corridor Mixed-Use Land Use District and one (1) public input meeting for the proposed Downtown Land Use District. A second meeting for Downtown is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018. Planning Director Ragland believes the City Council and P&Z should listen to the citizen's comments. Some of the concerns expressed by the citizens at the public input meetings include traffic increases and future planning. The public needs to be able to voice their concerns.

Commissioner Creswell commented there is fear of the unknown. Commissioner Allen added those who speak in opposition to the proposals will preach the worst case scenario. Planning Director Ragland stated the proposed Hale Street Corridor has had less opposition than the proposed Downtown extension. Staff is surprised with the Downtown opposition. A joint workshop and public input meeting gives the citizens another opportunity to express their thoughts. Several citizens want to know what the City has planned for the future development; however, Planning Director Ragland did indicate that the Long Rangel Master Plan is sorely out of date. The purpose of the proposed Land Use Amendments is long range planning and growth management. The City does not need to wait until growth is upon us to have a plan for growth. Commissioner Allen stated the City of Decatur is going to continue to grow. Commissioner Standridge noted there are not crosswalks on Hale Street and there is currently not a safe place to cross. Commissioner Creswell has heard from citizens that they bought their property for residential use and did not know there was a possibility of it changing from residential to commercial or other more intensive non-residential uses.

ITEM 9: New and/or future business items:

a. April meeting currently has three (3) applications.

Planning Director Ragland stated the item tabled at tonight's meeting and another project that was submitted earlier in the day will both be on the April agenda bringing the total to five (5) applications.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.	
ATTEST:	Curtis Creswell, Acting Chairman
ATTEST.	
Dedra Denée Ragland, Planning Director	

STAFF REPORT

April 3, 2018-Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

TO: Planning & Zoning Commissioners CASE: ZC2018-01

FROM: Dedra D. Ragland, AICP, Planning Director APPLICANT: Mark Southard

DATE: March 15, 2018 REQUEST: Zoning Change from Single

Family-2 (SF-2) Zoning District to Two Family (2F)

Zoning District

Case Notes:

Commission to hear and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Zoning Change Application 2018-01—Mr. Mark Southard's request to amend the zoning map from a Single Family-2 (SF-2) Zoning District to a Two Family (2F) Zoning District on approximately 0.490 acres of land and approximately 0.08 acres to the centerline of S. State Street and 0.08 acres to the centerline of W. Prince Street where adjacent to subject tract. The property is generally located at the southeast corner of S. State Street and W. Prince Street and is more commonly referred to as 1301 S. State Street, Decatur, Texas.

Legality:

According to the *Texas Local Government Code*, this property can be legally rezoned given proper notice (§211.006(a) and 211.007(c)), public hearings (§211.006 (a)), review and recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission (§211.007 (b)) and approval by City Council (§211.007 (b)).

Analysis:

Applicant: Mark Southard

• Applicant is requesting Two Family (2F) zoning for the purpose of two-family housing. A zoning change to Two Family (2F) is consistent with the current Long Range Master Plan Land Use Map.

Surrounding tracts' zoning include:

- o North: Single Family–2 (SF-2)
- o South: Single Family–2 (SF-2)
- o East: Single Family–2 (SF-2)
- o West: Multi-Family (MF)

Surrounding tracts' land uses include:

- o North: Medium Density Residential (MDR)
- o South: Medium Density Residential (MDR)
- o East: Medium Density Residential (MDR)
- West: High Density Residential (HDR)
- Before any development may occur, applicant will have to plat property; and submit a site plan, and building permit and certificate of occupancy applications.
- Nineteen (19) property owners within 200' of the subject area were notified. Staff has received no

responses in favor of, neutral to or opposed to the request.

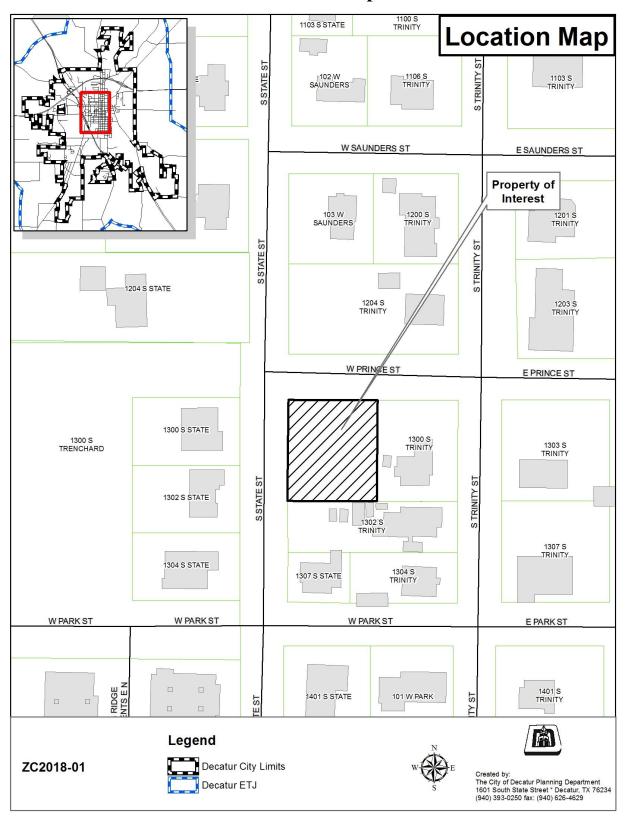
Recommendation:

Given that the subject site is located adjacent to a Multi-Family (MF) zoning district and the zoning change request is consistent with the current Long Range Master Plan Land Use Map, staff recommends approval of the Zoning Change.

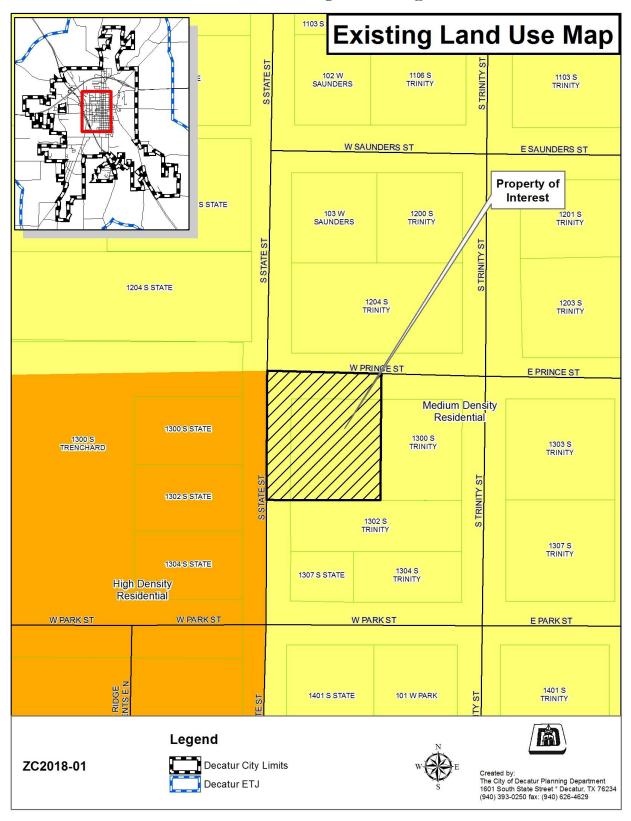
Attachments:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Land Use Map (Existing)
- 3. Zoning Map (Existing)
- 4. Zoning Map (Proposed)
- 5. Permitted Uses
- 6. 200' Property Owner Response Map
- 7. Property Owner Responses
- 8. Draft Ordinance

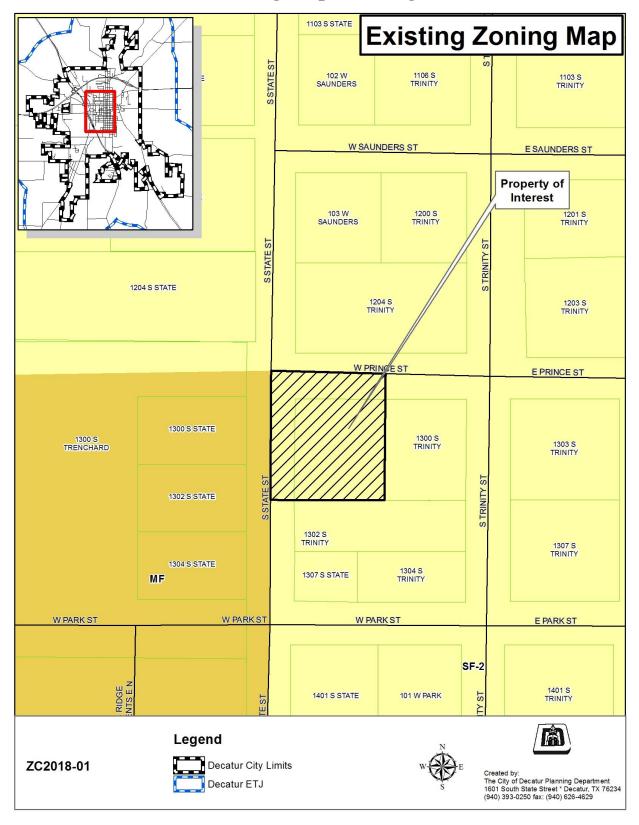
Attachment 1 **Location Map**



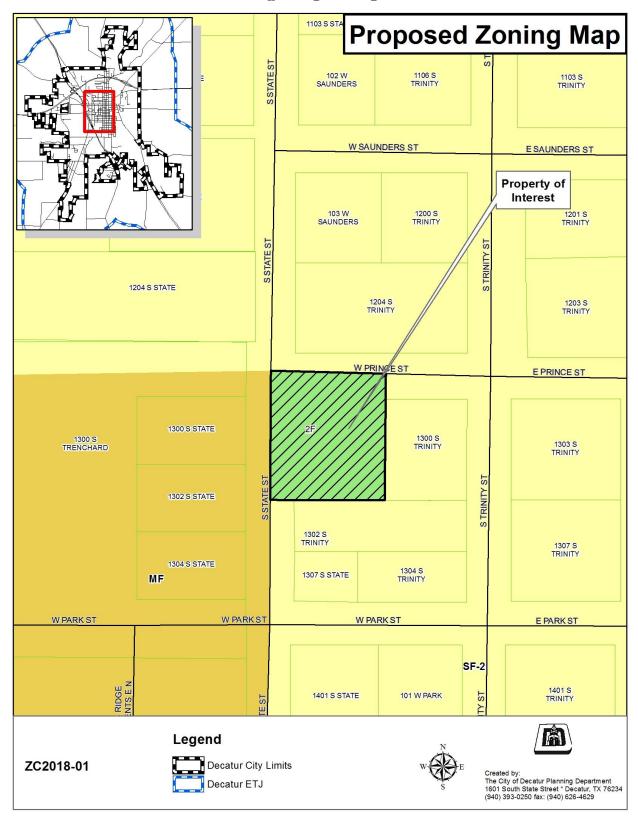
Attachment 2 Land Use Map (Existing)



Attachment 3 **Zoning Map (Existing)**



Attachment 4 **Zoning Map (Proposed)**



Attachment 5

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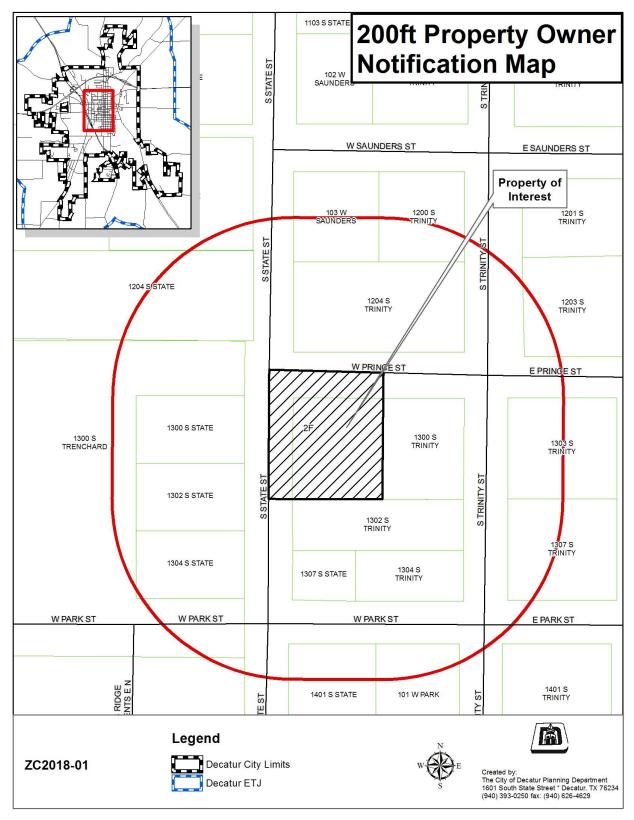
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Building Materials Sales						•	•	•	•	•	
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Feed Store and Grain Store or Farm Supply Store							•	•	•	•	
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Attachment 6
200' Property Owner Notification Map



Attachment 7 **Property Owner Reponses**

None to Date

Attachment 8

Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE	NUMBER	
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, GRANTING ZONING TO A TWO FAMILY (2F) ZONING DISTRICT ON APPROXIMATELY 0.490 ACRES OF LAND AND APPROIMATELY 0.08 ACRES TO THE CENTERLINE OF S. STATE STREET AND 0.08 ACRES TO THE CENTERLINE OF W. PRINCE STREET. THE PROPERTY IS GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF S. STATE STREET AND W. PRINCE STREET AND IS MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS 1301 S. STATE STREET, DECATUR, TEXAS. A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CAN BE FOUND IN EXHIBIT "A". (ZC2018-01)

WHEREAS, the current zoning of the tract of land illustrated in the attached Exhibit "A" is Single Family Residential-2 (SF-2); and

WHEREAS, application has been properly made to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Decatur, Texas, requesting that the current zoning be Two Family (2F) Zoning as illustrated and described in the attached Exhibit "A" and in conformance with the Medium Density Residential (MDR) land use designation; and

WHEREAS, said application has been properly heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Decatur, Texas, as required by State statutes and the Zoning Ordinance of said City; and

WHEREAS, said Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendation that the zoning classification as requested be APPROVED, and all legal requirements, conditions and prerequisites having been complied with, the case having come before the City Council of said City, after all legal notices, requirements, conditions and prerequisites having been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas, at a called public hearing did consider all appropriate factors in determining whether to grant such request; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas does find that the request is in the public interest and that the zoning classification does not unreasonably invade the rights of adjacent property owners:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Decatur, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended in that the use of the properties described upon the attached Exhibit "A" (which Exhibit is made a part hereof for all purposes) is hereby assigned a Two Family (2F) zoning classification.

SECTION 2. The Planning Director is hereby directed to correct the official zoning map of the City

of Decatur, Texas, to reflect the herein change in zoning.

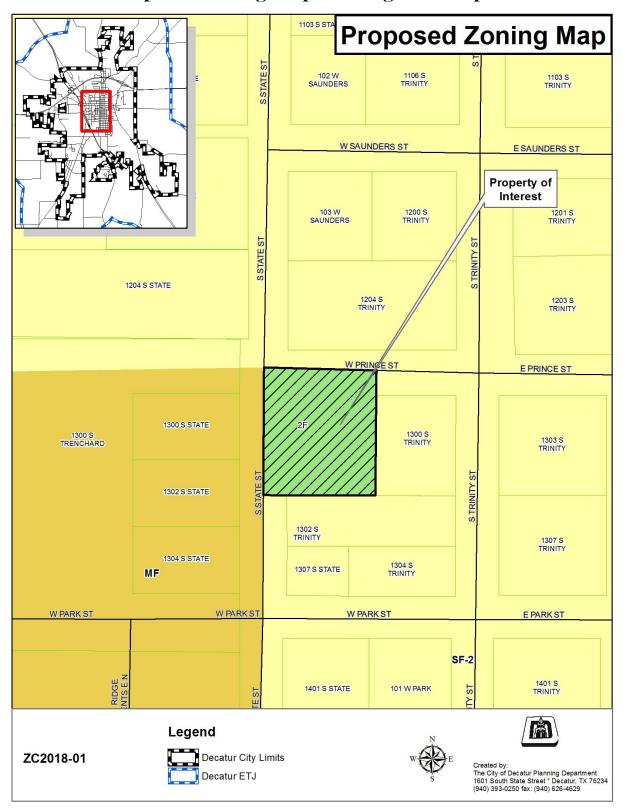
SECTION 3. In all other respects, the use of the tract or tracts of land hereinabove described shall be subject to all the applicable regulations contained in said City of Decatur Zoning Ordinance, and all other applicable and pertinent ordinances of the City of Decatur, Texas.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Decatur and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such ordinances, except in those instances where provisions of such ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect on its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PRESENTED	ON FIRST R	EADING THI	S 9 ¹¹¹ DAY OF <u>APRIL</u> , 2018
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APPROVED:			
Martin B. Wood	lruff, MAYOR		
ATTEST:			
Diane Cockrell,	TRMC, CITY S	SECRETARY	
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Mason L. Wood	ruff, CITY ATT	ORNEY	•

EXHIBIT "A" Proposed Zoning Map and Legal Description



FIELD NOTES

Being a 0.490 acre tract in the City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas, being Lot No. 1, Block 79, South Decatur Addition, a subdivision in the City of Decatur, and being the same land conveyed to Southard Holdings, LLC, described in Clerk's File Number 201612069, Official Records, Wise County, Texas and being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod found in the South right-of-way of Prince Street and the East right-of-way of State Street for the Northwest corner of said Lot 1 and said Block 79, South Decatur Addition, according to the plat recorded in Volume 8, Page 842, Deed Records, Wise County, Texas; THENCE South 89°48'29" East with said South right-of-way a distance of 190.04 feet to a x-cut found in the West right-of-way of Trinity Street for the Northeast corner of said Lot 1 and said Block 79;

THENCE South 00°36'00" West with the West right-of-way of Trinity Street a distance of 112.52 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast comer of said Lot 1 and the Northeast comer of Lot 2-1R, Block 79, South Decatur Addition, according to the plat recorded in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 141, Plat Records, Wise County, Texas;

THENCE North 89°45'31" West a distance of 189.74 feet to a ½" iron rod found in the East right-of-way of said State Street for the Southwest corner of said Lot 1 and the Northwest corner of said Lot 2-1R;

THENCE North 00°26'50" East with the East right-of-way of said State Street a distance of 112.35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.490 acres of land.

STAFF REPORT

April 3, 2018–Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

TO: **Planning and Zoning Commissioners CASE:** PP2017-12

FROM: Dedra D. Ragland, AICP, Planning Director APPLICANT: Jake Long, on behalf of J & S

Wood Investments

DATE: February 22, 2018 **REQUEST: Preliminary Plat Application**

Case Notes:

Hear staff report and consider taking action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2017-12—Mr. Jake Long's request, on behalf of J & S Wood Investments, to preliminary plat Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, West Decatur Hill Addition, being a 28.41 acre tract of land in the G. M. Vigil Survey, Abstract No. 857, City of Decatur, Wise County, Texas. A complete legal description is found on the plat exhibit in this staff report.

Legality:

This property can be legally platted in accordance with Section 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Issues:

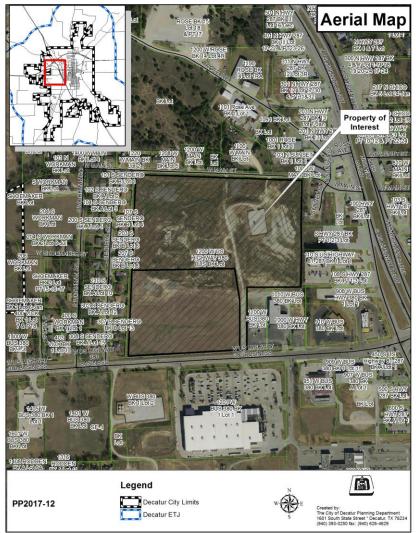
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Recommendation:

The plat meets the minimum requirements of the City of Decatur's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and the Design Standards. Staff recommends approval.

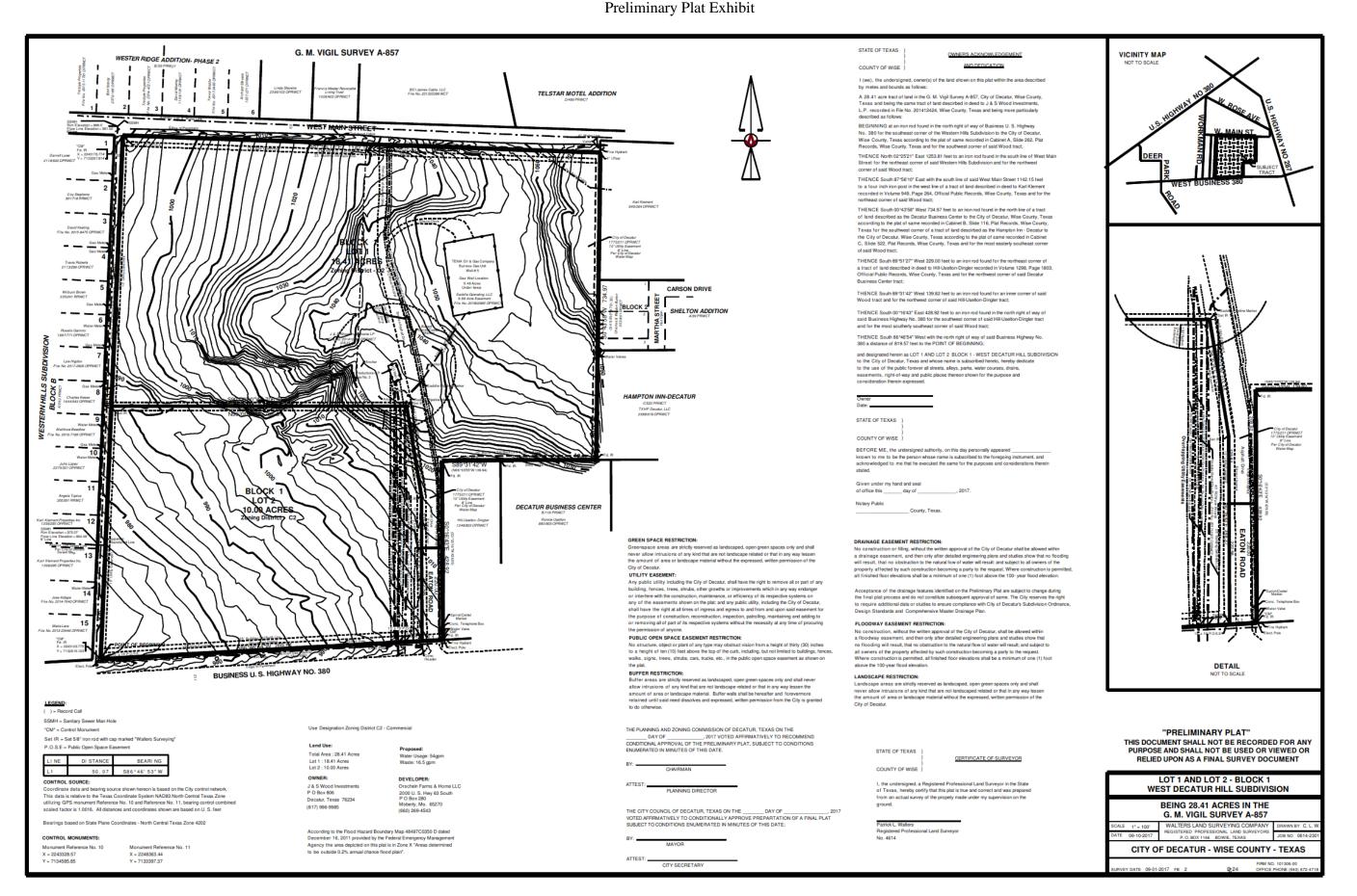
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1. Preliminary Plat Exhibit



LOCATION MAP

ATTACHMENT 1



STAFF REPORT

April 3, 2018–Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

TO: **Planning & Zoning Commissioners CASE:** PP2018-01

FROM: Dedra D. Ragland, AICP, Planning Director **APPLICANT:** Kelly Garrett, on behalf of

JRJ Wood, LP

DATE: March 15, 2018 **REQUEST: Preliminary Plat Application**

Case Notes:

Hear staff report and consider taking action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Preliminary Plat Application 2018-01—Mr. Kelly Garrett's request, on behalf of JRJ Wood LP, to preliminary plat Lot 1, Block 1, Legacy Trails of Decatur, being 7.51 acres in the Samuel Isaacs Survey, Abstract Number 454 and being a portion of that called 60.075-acre tract of land described in the deed to JRJ Wood, L.P., Wise County, Decatur, Texas. A complete legal description is found on the plat exhibit in this staff report.

Legality:

This property can be legally platted in accordance with Section 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Issues:

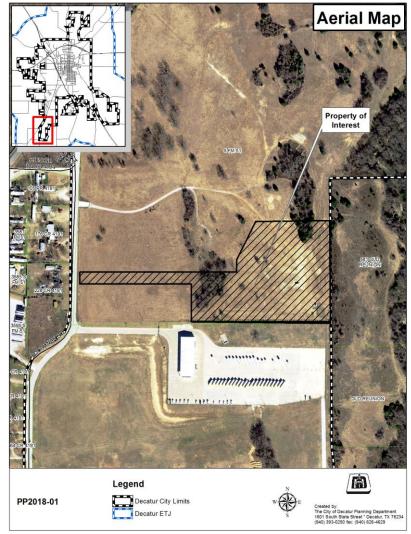
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Recommendation:

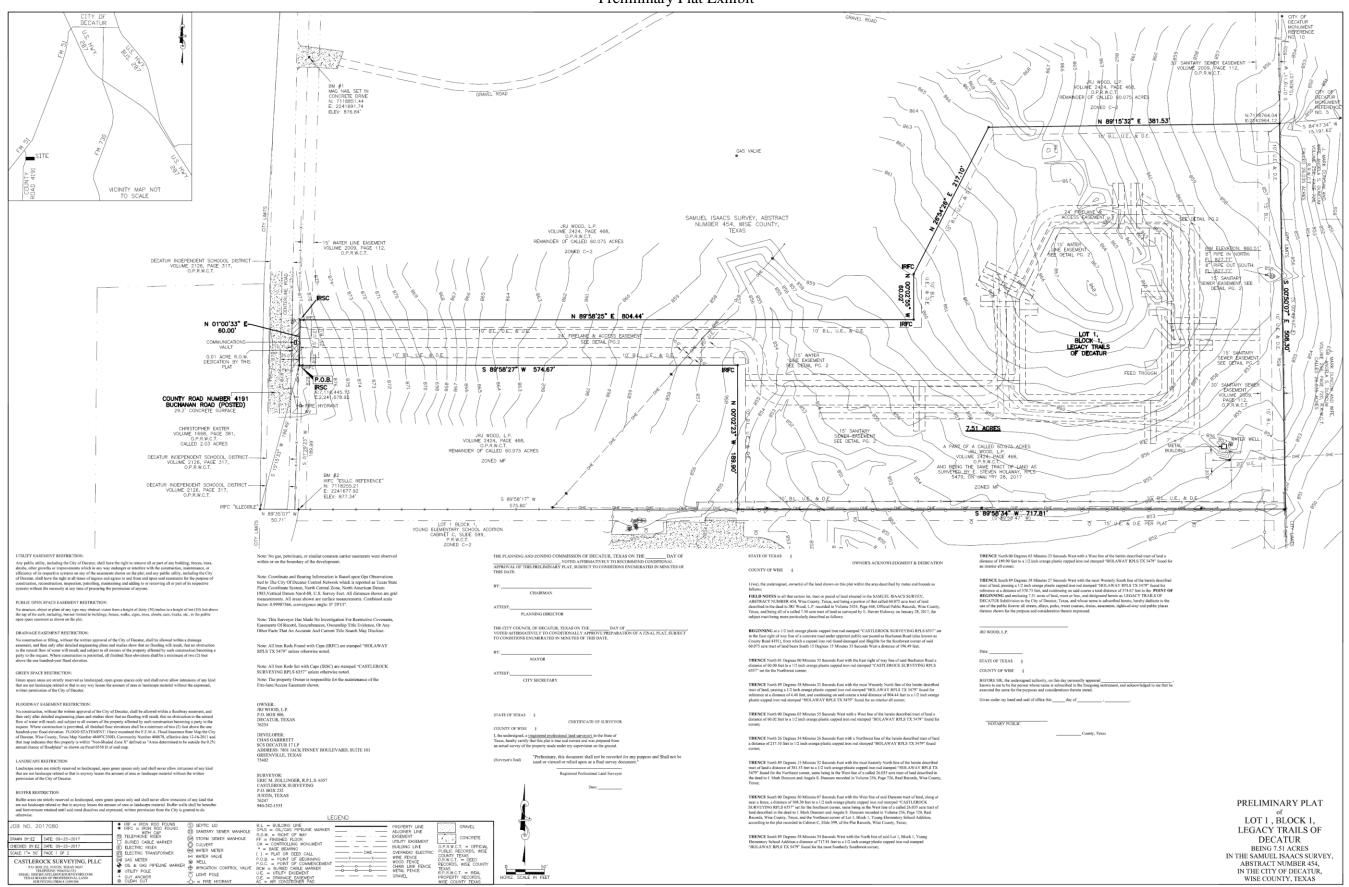
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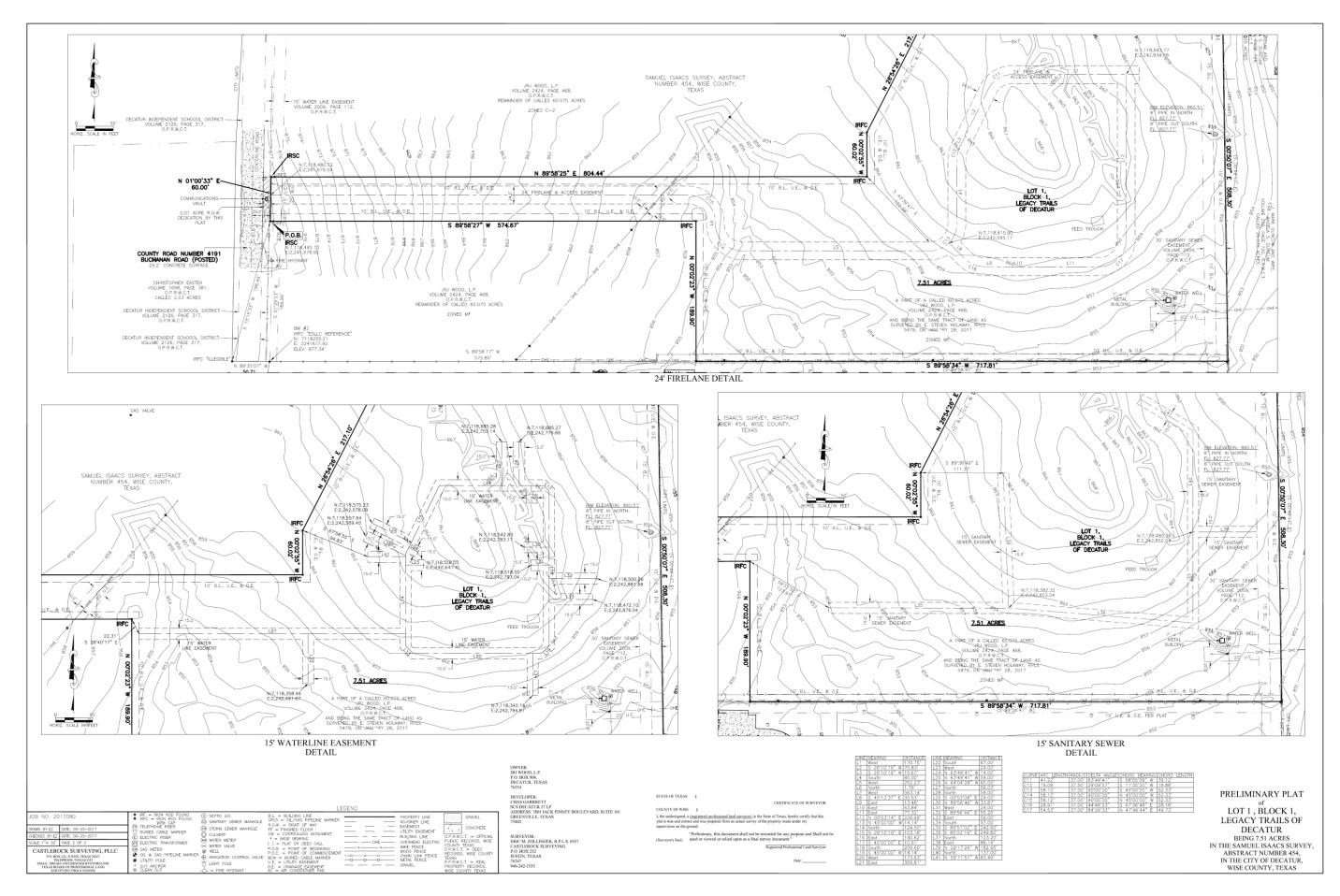
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1. Preliminary Plat Exhibit



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STAFF REPORT

April 3, 2018–Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

TO: **Planning & Zoning Commissioners CASE:** FP2018-01

FROM: Dedra D. Ragland, AICP, Planning Director **APPLICANT:** Kelly Garrett, on behalf of

JRJ Wood, LP

DATE: March 15, 2018 **REQUEST: Final Plat Application**

Case Notes:

Hear staff report and consider taking action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Final Plat Application 2018-01—Mr. Kelly Garrett's request, on behalf of JRJ Wood LP, to preliminary plat Lot 1, Block 1, Legacy Trails of Decatur, being 7.51 acres in the Samuel Isaacs Survey, Abstract Number 454 and being a portion of that called 60.075-acre tract of land described in the deed to JRJ Wood, L.P., Wise County, Decatur, Texas. A complete legal description is found on the plat exhibit in this staff report.

Legality:

This property can be legally platted in accordance with Section 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Issues:

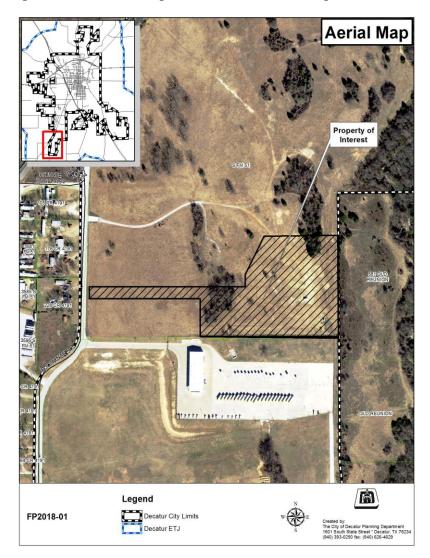
None.

Recommendation:

The plat meets the minimum requirements of the City of Decatur's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and the Design Standards. Staff recommends approval.

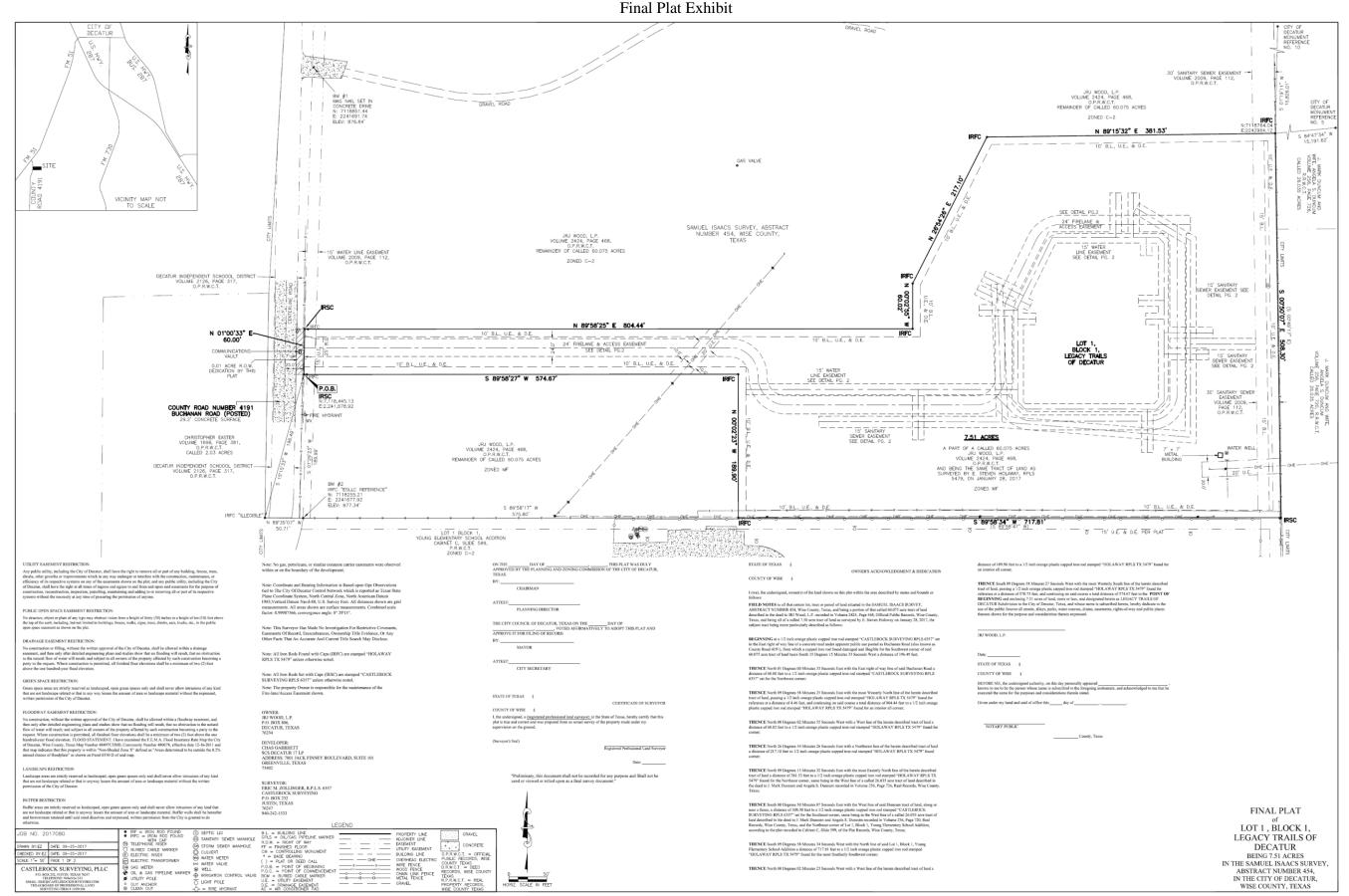
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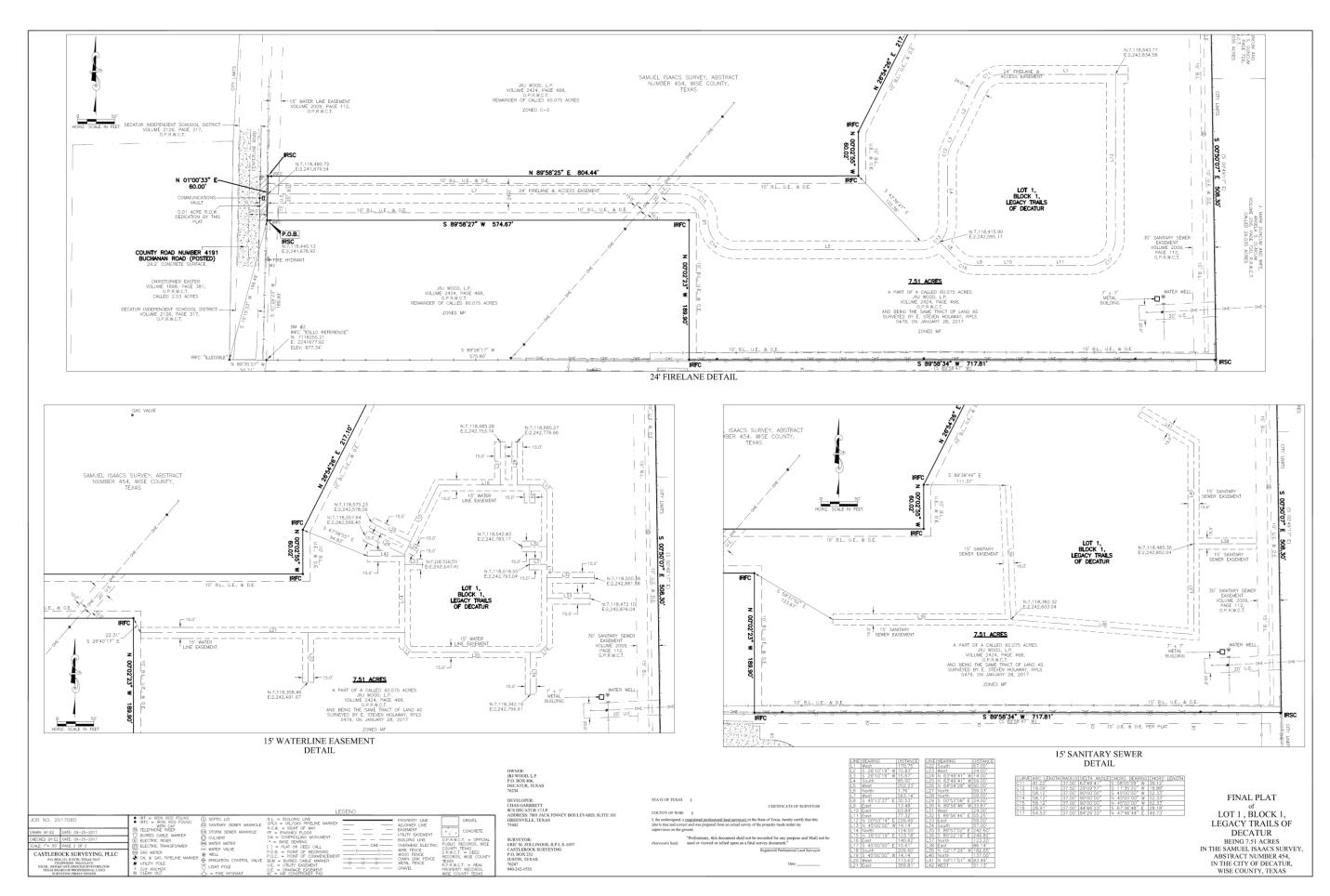
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LOCATION MAP

ATTACHMENT 1





STAFF REPORT

April 3, 2018-Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

TO: **Planning & Zoning Commissioners CASE:** V2018-03

FROM: Dedra D. Ragland, AICP, Planning Director **APPLICANT: Troy and Michelle Wolfe**

REQUEST: DATE: March 15, 2018 Variance for Sidewalk along

Shady Lane

Case Notes:

Hear and consider and take action to make a recommendation to City Council regarding Variance Application 2018-03—Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wolfe's request for a variance from Chapter 1, Section 106, Sidewalks of the City of Decatur's Design Standards on approximately 130.31 linear feet along Shady Lane, where adjacent to the west boundary of Lot 22, Woodland Estates, and more commonly known as 1400 Shady Lane, City of Decatur, Texas.

Legality:

According to the Decatur Design Standards, where specific topographic or other conditions make variance from these standards necessary in order to achieve the best overall design, the Planning Director upon recommendation from the City Engineer and Public Works Director may modify these standards (§101.7). The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend and the City Council may authorize a variance from these standards when, in its opinion, extraordinary hardship will result from requiring strict compliance.

Analysis:

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe approached staff with a proposal to build an addition to their home. Permitting triggers compliance with ALL City Standards and Regulations including sidewalk construction. Per Appendix B "Zoning," Section 4.5.1 "Building Permits Required:"

No Building or other Structure shall be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a permit issued by the Building Official. A building permit shall not be issued except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Adjustment in the form of a Variance or as otherwise provided in this Ordinance. Subject to the foregoing, a building permit shall not be issued until the property is properly zoned for the intended use, the property is platted in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance, all appropriate plans have been approved by the City, all applicable ordinances have been met, and all fees have been paid.

Per the following excerpts from Section 106 of the Decatur Design Standards, Sidewalks shall be required in all new subdivision as follows:

- 1. Sidewalks shall be constructed for all lots adjoining dedicated streets, along major thoroughfares where lots do not adjoin the street, across power line easements and in other areas where pedestrian walkways are necessary.
- 2. Sidewalks shall be designed and constructed to minimize pedestrian and automobile conflicts in order to provide the safest pedestrian access possible.

- 3. Sidewalks shall be designed and constructed so as to connect with existing pedestrian walkways and to assure connection with future pedestrian walkways. Sidewalks shall be constructed either one (1) foot from the property line within the street right-of-way or within a dedicated sidewalk easement and shall extend along the street frontage including the side of corner lots and block ends. Lots requiring landscaping shall put trees between the sidewalk and the street.
- 4. Sidewalks along existing thoroughfares or streets so designated by the Master Plan shall be no less than four (4) feet in width.
- 5. Sidewalk construction may be delayed until development of lots, but in locations not adjacent to lots and across bridges and culverts, the sidewalk shall be constructed with the other improvements to the subdivision.
- 6. The plat or construction plans shall show the location of all proposed sidewalks and shall state at what stage of the project they will be constructed.
- 7. All sidewalks shall conform to ADA requirements.

Proposed Conditions for Approval:

The City Council may wish to consider whether or not the applicant meets all of the following four conditions in order for variance to be granted. (*City Council may wish to not grant variances due to Financial or self-induced hardships*:):

- 1. The requested variance does not violate the intent and spirit of the ordinance.
- 2. Special conditions of restricted area, shape, topography or physical features exist that are peculiar to the subject parcel and are not applicable to other parcels of land in the same zoning district.
- 3. The hardship is not the result of the applicant's actions, and
- 4. The interpretation of the provisions in this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district that comply with the same provisions.

These four conditions are listed on the application and the applicant is asked to explain how he/she meets these conditions. (See Attachment 2)

Findings:

City Engineer offers the following findings:

1. There are special circumstances or conditions affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land;

Property is located and surrounded by Single Family development. Appears property was final platted in 1988 and has remained unchanged. Woodland Estates Subdivision is completely built out. No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood.

2. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant;

No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood. The addition of sidewalks should not affect property rights of owner, although no sidewalks exist within the subdivision.

3. The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or injurious to other property in the area;

No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood. The property has been developed for many years; therefore, it could be believed that the absence of sidewalks has not necessarily adversely impacted pedestrian safety.

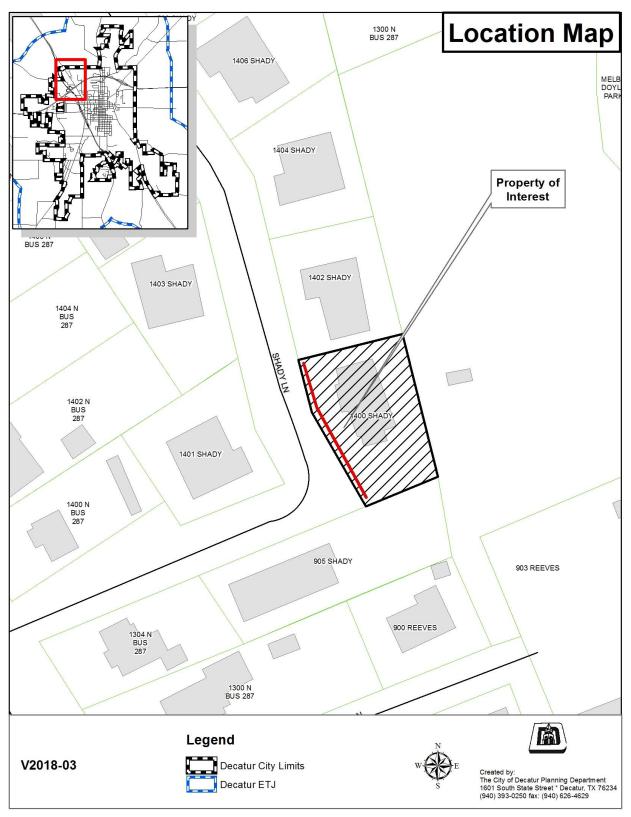
4. The granting of the variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly subdivision of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Area surrounding property is built out. Future replatting of surrounding properties that would require construction of sidewalks will occur in a random fashion. It is not reasonable to expect nearly all properties to have sidewalks unless City does a comprehensive project in the neighborhood.

Attachment:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Variance Application, Checklist & Justification Letter
- 3. Sidewalk Variance Exhibit
- 4. Memo from City Engineer

Attachment 1 **Location Map**



Attachment 2

Variance Application, Checklist & Justification Letter

CITY OF DECATUR D	EVELOPMENT SERVICES UNIVERSAL APPLIC	ATION
Check box to indicate application type	Incomplete applicat	ions will be rejected
Annexation Petition	Gas Well Development Plat CEVED 9	Special Use Permit
☐ Amending Plat		Subdivision Variance
Comprehensive Plan Amendment		Zoning Change
Conveyance Instrument	L Replat	Zoning Variance (ZBA)
Design Standards Variance	ROW Use Agreement CITY OF DECATURE .	/acation Plat
Final Plat	ROW Abandonment/ Closing/ELOPMENT SERVICES (Other
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Property Owner Same as abou	Email	
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SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER	SIGNATURE OF LIEN HOLDER	Case#: \2018-03
PLAT WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED FOR ALL PREL	MINARY, FINAL & REPLATS)	Project Mgr : DDR
	with Section 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.	Total Fee(s): 75.00 Payment Method: CK
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER Known to me to be the person(s) whose name is subso that they executed the same for the purposed and co my hand and seal of office on this day of _	SIGNATURE OF LIEN HOLDER ribed to the above and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me sideration expressed and in the capacity therein stated. Given under 20	Submittal Date 03-07-18 Accepted By:
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CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS

Development Services ★ 1601 S. State St ★ P.O. Box 1299 ★ Decatur, TX 76234 ★ www.decaturtx.org

Design Standards Variance Request Subdivision Variance Request Checklist

Ge	neral	Requirements:						
P	A uni	versal application form and the appropriate fees.						
		ter of explanation/justification. See section below.						
	Subm	Submit a total of five (5) copies of site plan (if applicable) for the property. These copies should be individually folded with drawing side out.						
1	A loc	A location map clearly indicating the site in relation to adjacent streets, distance to nearest intersection and other landmarks.						
7	Subm	it one (1) copy of proof of ownership (recorded property deed or current year tax statements).						
	Subm	it documentation on any and all liens and lien holders of property. NIA						
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		one (1) linear landscaping band						
		Type C Buffering—6' Decorative fence architecturally compatible with general area with						
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Form Updated: 03/2012

Content of	the	Letter of	explanation	/justification	for a V	ariance.

I understand that I am applying for a variance from the Design Standards/Subdivision Regulations of the City of Decatur and that this variance can only be granted if I prove hardship by meeting all four of the conditions below. I also understand that financial or self-induced hardship cannot be considered for granting a variance. Below I explain exactly how I meet these four conditions:

1.	There are special circumstances or conditions affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land. (Specify how):
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2.	The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant. (Specify):
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3.	Granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to other property in the area. (Specify):
4.	The granting of the variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly subdivision of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of the Design Standards or Subdivision Regulations and that the interpretation of the provisions in this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district that comply with the same provisions. (Specify):
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City of Decatur Planning and Zoning

Dear Sirs,

We understand that we are applying for a variance from the Design Standards/Subdivision Regulations of the City of Decatur and that this variance can only be granted if we prove hardship by meeting all four of the conditions stated in the application. We also understand that financial or self-induced hardship cannot be considered for granting a variance. Below we explain exactly how our request meets these four conditions:

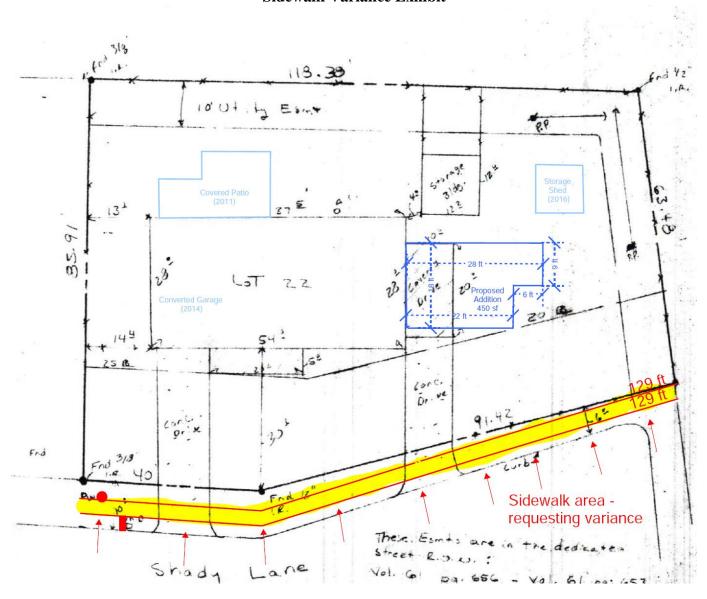
- 1. We live at 1400 Shady Lane, which is located on a one-street cul-de-sac addition, Woodland Estates, on the north end of the City. It is completely built out and has been for over 20 years. We have sloped curbs, but no street sidewalks whatsoever. (See attached map 3 and 4). Our particular lot is very shallow, but wide. Most of the homes on our street sit very close to the street as well, with very shallow front yards. We ask that you grant this variance because adding a street-side sidewalk to our home, or any home on this street would interfere with the mailbox, if put directly on the curb, or cover the water meters if set back enough to be behind it. It would essentially be the sidewalk to nowhere, and take up a significant portion of our already shallow yard, which would not be visually pleasing, and certainly not preferred over a nice grass yard.
- 2. We have lived at this location for 25 years, and we have never desired or needed a street-side sidewalk for any purpose. Being the small cul-de-sac that we are, traffic is minimal and walking is not hindered or deterred by a lack of sidewalks in the neighborhood. Sidewalks have not been missed.
- 3. Granting of this variance can in no way be detrimental to public health or safety, or welfare. However, we believe that not granting this variance and requiring the sidewalk could potentially pose an opportunity to be injurious to some of the neighborhood children. By that I mean, our home was built with a one car garage/driveway, and the original owner added a one-car carport/driveway on the other end of the structure. Adjoining these two driveways with a sidewalk (to nowhere else) would turn our home into the neighborhood "bike or skate park", with the nice sloped curb and turn around loop. We have grandkids who would think it great fun and we get that, however, the added risk and our real concern is that our house is situated directly in the corner as you make the turn to enter the development. With such a temptation to the kids, and cars coming around the corner, kids aren't always watching close and the vehicles would not expect "recreation ramp" activity as they make the turn, creating a potential for serious danger. It would be an extremely uncomfortable and unsafe scenario for us to think about even on child being harmed, including our own. (See site plan)
- 4. Finally, granting the variance will in no way prevent the proper order or deprive the rights of our neighbors in the area from enjoying their property and homes. As we stated above, there have never been street-side sidewalks in our neighborhood, nor the majority of surrounding neighborhoods where we live.

We appreciate your consideration and ask you to please grant us this variance.

Thank you,

Troy and Michelle Wolfe

Attachment 3 **Sidewalk Variance Exhibit**



Attachment 4 **Memo from City Engineer**





Memo

To: Shanna Smith

Dedra Ragland

Cc: Greg Hall

Katherine Griffith

From: Earl Smith, P.E., CFM, City Engineer

Date: 03/07/2018

Re: 2018-03; Variance Request, Sidewalk at 1400 Shady Lane; Lot 22,

Woodland Estates

Comments on Variance Request:

From Subdivision Ordinance: 103.8 - Conditions for Approval.

No variance shall be granted unless the Council finds that all of the following conditions exist:

1. That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land;

Property is located and surrounded by Single Family development. Appears property was final platted in 1988 and has remained unchanged. Woodland Estates Subdivision is completely built out. No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood.

And;

2. That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant;

No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood. The addition of sidewalks should not affect property rights of owner, although no sidewalks exist within the subdivision.

3. That the granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or injurious to other property in the area;

No sidewalks exist in the neighborhood. The property has been developed for many years, therefore it could be believed that the absence of sidewalks has not necessarily adversely impacted pedestrian safety. Δnd

4. That the granting of the variance will not have the effect of preventing the orderly subdivision of other land in the area in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Area surrounding property is built out. Future replatting of surrounding properties that would require construction of sidewalks will occur in a random fashion. It is not reasonable to expect all properties to have sidewalks unless City does a comprehensive project in the neighborhood.

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